

GIRARD et al
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REMARKS

In response to the species election requirement advanced in the April 4, 2007 Official Action, applicants hereby elect the following species as set forth on page 4 thereof:

Species-SF (support fibers): Claims 2, 3 and 21;

Species-S (stabilizer): Claim 15

Species-P (preservative): Claim 27

Species-GP (grid): Claims 7-9, 22-23 and 29.

The following claims appear to read on the elected species: Claims 1-4, 7-10, 15-16, 22-23, and 27-29, of which at least claim 1 is generic to all disclosed species.

In addition to the election above, applicants further elect we would suggest that "polylactic acid", "urea-formaldehyde resins", "vegetable proteins", "animal proteins", "casein" and "glycerin" be elected as the ultimate species of each of claims 4, 10, 15, 16, 27 and 28, respectively

It is believed that the election above is commensurate with the Examiner's requirements in the Official Action. As such, favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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